

# THE MORNING APPEAL.

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## THE APPEAL RESPONSIBLE

FOR GIVING THE PUBLIC THE  
NEWS OF THE EXAMINATION.

The Prosecution Calls for the  
Doors to be Opened,

BUT COMMISSIONER EDWARDS WILL  
KEEP THEM CLOSED.

The publication of full and exclusive reports of the Mint investigation in the APPEAL has caused a flurry of excitement in the Court House and yesterday the officers of the Court made an attempt to stop the leak. U. S. Marshall Humphries after a long consultation with the Commissioner made a thorough examination of the various points of communication between the Court room and the other corridors.

He reported to his superior that he found the transoms all closed and the rooms leading to them locked. Bailiff Sterns also made an effort to reach the source of the difficulty, but found nothing of a suspicious nature.

He discovered that however, someone had been in the Grand Jury room over the Court room, and took the measure of some foot prints found in the dust near a ventilator. There were also some peanut shells there which the janitor said were not there on Monday. The janitor was questioned by the U. S. Marshall and he was positive that he had swept the floor last Saturday and the peanut shells had been dropped lately.

There were also some bread crumbs and a grease mark on a chair where a sandwich had been laid. The position of the actions in the chairs were also different than on Saturday.

The janitor admitted that he had left the key in the door on Tuesday for several hours. He went to get the key and it was gone and the door locked. About 5 o'clock the key was back again. The detectives enquired of all the fruit and candy stores to ascertain if anyone connected with the APPEAL had purchased peanuts. They finally confined their investigations to Mayo and McClaskey's National Cash Store, on the ground that the APPEAL people never patronize anyone who did not advertise. Mr. Mayo declined to answer any questions relative to the purchase of peanuts, and a demand was made for his books by the detectives. He declined to show his books except on an order of Court.

The necessary steps to bring the books into Court, and trace the peanut purchase, will probably be taken today.

### COFFIN DISSATISFIED.

At the beginning of the morning session Coffin for the defense rose and called the Court's attention to the fact that the APPEAL was publishing reports of the trial contrary to the stipulation between the attorneys, and called on the Court to enforce the stipulation entered into between the attorneys in the case to conduct the examination with closed doors.

U. S. District Attorney Jones replied in a lively speech that the Government had nothing to conceal and had never asked for closed doors, as was insinuated in a Carson paper. Coffin in a sneering tone insinuated that perhaps the attorneys had something to do with the publication of the report.

This brought Clark to his feet with flushed face and he proceeded to apply to Coffin who also got the floor and began to talk. Matters got interesting and at one time Jones, Torreyson, Coffin and Clark were on their feet talking and the Marshall hearing the rising pitch of the attorneys voices, thought the act looked rather stormy and came in with Sterns to procure order.

### CALLED TO ORDER.

Commissioner Edwards who had quietly watched the wrangle rapped sharply on the desk and called the attorneys to order, and spoke in low tones something which the APPEAL reporter could not catch, but it must have meant business for the lawyers all settled back in their seats and the talk assumed a more temperate tone. Torreyson asked for the stipulation and Mrs. Fischer was asked to read it. She did so and Clark held that it only stipulated closed doors and nothing more.

Coffin held that there was a clause of secrecy binding on all the attorneys and witnesses and Clark challenged him to produce it. The document was read by Mrs. Fischer, but her voice was not audible to the reporter and again the wrangle began. Just what the stipulation is the APPEAL is unable to state, but Coffin remarked

after the reading that the term "closed doors" meant an obligation of secrecy to all attorneys even if it was not further expressed, lead the reporter to the opinion that there was no clause in the document binding anyone to secrecy except the words "conducted with closed doors."

### OPEN THE DOORS.

The prosecution then called on the Court to open the doors and let the public hear the trial. He said the closed doors was a senseless proposition anyhow, and if it was to keep the public in the dark it failed, as the APPEAL has published full reports of the testimony almost verbatim.

"Garbled reports" interrupted one of the attorneys for the defendant. "The reports are substantially correct" insisted Jones "and I defy any attorney on the other side to show where they are garbled or distorted. I ask the Court to fling the doors wide open and let the public in." Defendants attorneys opposed the motion.

### THE REQUEST DENIED.

Commissioner Edwards said that a regular stipulation regarding the closed doors had been entered into by the attorneys on each side and he could not change the stipulation without the consent of both parties. What to do with the APPEAL, he did not there decide on, but cautioned all persons in attendance to observe strict secrecy. As for the request for closed doors he agreed with the U. S. District Attorney that it came from the defendants.

### THE EXAMINATION RESUMED.

Hirsch Harris then took the stand and resumed his testimony. He produced the books of the Melter and Refiners department kept in the handwriting of the defendant and showed by these that there was no record kept of some of the bullion that came into the Mint. Witness ment by this that the books did not show who brought the deposit or where they came from. This was held by the prosecution to be evidence showing that defendant omitted these records in the books in order that the origin of the bullion could not be traced.

### THE DEFENSE DOUBTS THE ASSAYS.

Coffin for the defense asked that some man be appointed for them to assay the bars in dispute. These are the bars of the spurious melt of Standard Mine bullion.

This brought Clark to his feet with a vigorous protest. He said he thoroughly objected to any tampering with the evidence in that way. They should not go out of the hands of the Government, and if they did the Government should be allowed to retain chips from each bar.

After a long wrangle it was decided that chips should be taken from each sample and left in the hands of Mr. Mason, the Inspector. Lawrence Elrod and Paris Ellis were selected to do the work. They went over to the Mint and Elrod did the chipping and Ellis marked and tagged the samples in behalf of the Government.

On cross-examination Harris said the duplicate key of the vault was found about two weeks ago by parties when clearing out the vault. It was behind some books and O'Connor had thrown it on Jones' desk. Neither side could tell whether or not it was the key found in Jones' desk, nor how long it had been in the vault of which Jones had the combination. Melts similar to the spurious melt had been brought from the Savage mine, several of them in fact. One as late as December, 1894 and others prior to the time Harris took charge of the Melting room.

The defense claim that they made a point when Harris admitted that the key was first found in the vault, and placed on Jones' desk, and it is claimed on the other hand that the vault was cleared by Harris' orders and that the fact that there was a duplicate key found in the vault, that Jones had access to, was in itself a suspicious circumstance.

The defendants attorneys insist that Harris testified that he put the key on Jones' desk, after saying in direct examination that he found it there. The prosecution deny that he so testified. Harris was interviewed last evening by a reporter regarding his testimony and he would have nothing to say until his redirect examination.

Last evening Lawrence Elrod took the samples of the bars in dispute to Virginia City to be assayed by Frank Fielding, assayer of the Con. Virginia.

Court adjourned at 4:30 and will be resumed at 10 this morning.

### May Day Dance

The dance will not come off in the day time however, but will take place at Cook's Grove on the evening of the 1st of May. First class arrangements for music and a general good time have been provided.

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Mrs. Emma M. Taft,  
Fresno, Cal.

Dr. M. Cish of Grace M. E. Church extended the kindly hand of fellowship to the congregation of the ill fated Emanuel church and notified the congregation that it can come there and worship on Sundays, at which time the collection box will also be extended to the Emanuel people.

Here is a pointer for the great statesmen of the country: The political clouds this year have silver lining. The statesman who forgets this fact may be among the called, but when the votes for President are counted they will find they are not among those chosen.—Call.

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